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SUBJECT: ASSERTION OF RIGHT TO JAM

TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION DAILY, PRACE, JANUARY 14 INCLUDED FIRST
BALD ASSERTION OF A "RIGHT" TO JAM FOREIGN BROADCASTS THAT WE CAN
RECALL AS PART OF OTHERWISE ROUTINE ATTACK ON RFE AND RL.
EDITORIAL LED OFF WITH REFERENCE TO RECENT SPEECH BY BIB CHAIRMAN
DAVID ABSHIRE TO NATO MEETING IN WILLIAMSBURG. FOLLOWING STANDARD
ACCUSATION OF CIA AFFILIATION OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF RFE AND RL
STAFFS, EDITORIAL SAYS THAT "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT RL AND RFE ARE
INTERFERING WITH THE INFORMATION POLICY OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
AND BROADCAST PROPAGANDA THAT GROSSLY VIOLATES THE GENERALLY
ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERFERENCE.
THEREFORE, ABSHIRE HAS NOT THE LEAST REASON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE
JAMMING OF THESE BROADCASTS BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." IT GOES ON
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THAT UN RESOLUTION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PASSED IN 1968 "...
INCLUDES MEASURES (INCLUDING JAMMING OF RADIO BROADCASTS) AGAINST
THE SPREAD OF FALSE OR TWISTED INFORMATION THAT HARMS NATIONAL
DIGNITY AND PROVOKES HATES AND PREJUDICES... THE JAMMING OF RL AND
RFE BROADCASTS IS FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
LEGAL NORM AND CORRESPONDS TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE HELSINKI
CONFERENCE."

COMMENT: OUR RECOLLECTION IS THAT WARSAW PACT MEMBERS HAVE ALMOST NEVER PUBLICLY ADMITTED PRACTICING JAMMING. WE WONDER WHETHER THIS ATTEMPT TO IMPUTE STANDING UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO JAMMING MAY BE UNIQUE--AT LEAST IN THE POST-HELSINKI DEBATE OVER FOREIGN BROADCASTS. IT IS IN PART, A TACTICAL MOVE IN PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE 77, BUT IT ALSO SHOULD BE SEEN AS ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR A LEGAL ARGUMENT BY THE REGIME IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS BY CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS THAT JAMMING VIOLATES HELSINKI FINAL ACT BASKET 3 ARTICLES ON INFORMATION.

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